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Carnival on Urs Road

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (SV)- As part of the Mysuru Winter Festival-2017, an Open Street Fest was held amidst crowds that exceeded over 7,000 people, on D. Devaraja Urs Road in city this morning.

This Mysuru Open Street Festival will be held throughout the day which will be a display of street carnival as artistes will perform on the road. Two stages have also been set up on the middle of the otherwise busy road for the performers to let their hair down. The fest is being organised by the District Administration in association with the Tourism Department and other sponsors.

People swelled in large numbers right from morning and the inflow has been increasing as the clock ticked by. Tourists, foreigners, young and old were seen enjoying themselves at the festival. College students, clad in their uniforms, and teenagers were busy taking selfies and pictures with the statues of Nandi and Mahishasura.

Seventy-three stores had been set-up and not a single shop seemed to be empty. People were seen flooding all the stores and were enjoying the ambience. Sohail, who had come along with his family, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said, "This festival is like the ones that I have seen in movies, especially abroad where carnivals happen and the street is filled with loud music, dancers, processions and fast food outlets. It is really exciting that we are getting to see a flavour of that in our very own city."

(See CARNIVAL on page 6)

KSOU caught between devil & deep sea

Kerala HC orders Open Varsity

to pay Rs. 3 lakh compensation to each affected student

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (RK&BCT)- The phrase "caught between the devil and the deep sea" can best explain the situation of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) which on one hand is trying to get recognition from the University Grants Commission (UGC) and on the other has to compensate students for the loss of their academic years.

As if the recognition tangle was not enough, the Kerala High Court yesterday ordered KSOU to pay Rs. 3 lakh per student for losing their academic year and for those students whose degrees have been derecognised.

Hearing a petition filed by Brenet, a KSOU student from Kerala, and others, the Kerala HC has ordered the Open University to compensate the students as they are not at fault and have been victimised.

(See KERALA HC on page 6)

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Country's cursed cities

Mysuru city, identified by its earlier name *Mysore* that endured for more than a century, has witnessed a change not only in its name but also its profile, a change that is not exactly in line with the Winston Churchill quote, *"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."* Many old timers of Bengaluru may agree with his another quote, *"If you are going through hell, Keep going,"* given the pitiable plight of its residents. Not too long ago Bengalureans, particularly its high-brow citizens, used to ridicule the then Mysore as a *village* of slow pace life and its residents as folk with a laidback outlook. It is the same well-heeled Bengalureans who are cursing themselves for reasons not far to seek, the most obvious reason being its unbearable congestion, luring them to rush to the city (Mysuru) that was at the butt of ridicule a while ago. Mysureans have begun to cite the example of Bengaluru with the *wish* and hope that their city will not go the way of the only metropolis of Karnataka.

The number of cities in the country is presently counted is *thousands* and the number of villages in *lakhs*. Call it a conjecture or what you like, before long, their numbers are heading to be interchanged on the basis of the urbanites outnumbering the rustics. Nothing worse than that can be imagined for the country and its diaspora to happen.

The lure of living in an ambience of glitz and glamour that has resulted in the people to take residence in cities has waned, given the voices of the citizens of many choked cities such as New Delhi and Bengaluru to get away, but clueless on where to go. Their dilemma is centred on the question of their daily bread and butter that urbanites are just managing to have for now. With the supply of life's essentials raised in the villages outstripping their need and demand by urbanites, the air is abuzz with worries of inflation first and scarcity next. The question of the limit to the headcount of any city translates to that of the limit to the country's total headcount, which defies debate. The current annual addition of more than one crore to the existing population takes one to the dead-end point in that debate.

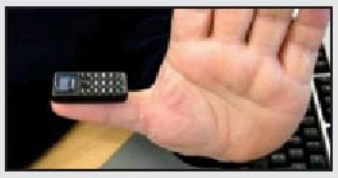
The report in a section of the Press this week on the issue of decongesting the cities is gratifying. The top brass in the Union government has turned its attention to address the problems bugging the major cities of the country. But, the country has limited options in avoiding the emergence of more cities and more residents in each city, with the villages charming the people no longer.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

What's really on sale is the concept of the sale itself. The actual products being offered for sale don't matter. They could be groceries. Or cosmetics. Or clothes. Or electronic goods. Or mobile phones. Or gizmos that don't serve any purpose other than being gizmos. What gets people rushing to sales – any and all sales – is the psychology of the sale. It's a psychology based on the irresistible instinct ingrained in all of us to grab something that's being offered, if not for free, for almost free, without asking ourselves totally irrelevant questions like what the thing is that's up for sale, and whether we really want it or need it. What's that got to do with anything? It's free, or almost free, isn't it? That's the way all sales work, from designer wear to deodorants. The organisers of the sale want to get rid of stock that no one seems to want to buy. So they jack up the prices of their unsold stock by 100%, then offer a 50% discount on the inflated price tag, thus getting the original price of the unsold item. Except the unsold item doesn't remain unsold, thanks to people who push and shove each aside in order to get the 50% freebie that's being offered, but ONLY TILL STOCKS LAST! OK, so what's on sale is last year's calendar? But what the heck. You're only having to pay for half of it, aren't you, with the other half coming free? Get it before it's gone. That's the logic which ensures that whatever it is you get at a sale, what you really end up buying is a lemon. *— Jug Suraiya in the Times of India.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Smallest mobile phone



Pakisthan: In an age when phablets and big screen smartphones are more popular than ever, one manufacturer is swimming against the tide by trying to make its mobile phones as tiny as possible. Their latest achievement, a phone that's smaller than the average human thumb and lighter than a metal coin.

The Zanco tiny t1 is being advertised as the world's smallest mobile phone. It can fit into the tiniest of pockets, can store up to 300 numbers in its phonebook and makes an adorable-yet-practical gift. And just in case you're wondering, Zanco claims that it is indeed a fully-functional 'talk and text mobile phone', allowing users to make and receive calls, and exchange text messages. The Zanco tiny t1 works with any mobile phone network and uses a nano-SIM card. One thing to consider is that due to its reduced size the phone only operates on the 2G network. Australia and Japan have already stopped using 2G for any type of mobile connection, so it's best to check the availability of 2G in your country before pledging any money.

Silent killer !

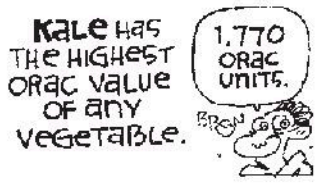
Zhejiang Province: The Chinese man, identified only by his surname 'Zheng,' had been charged with murdering his wife's uncle, Cao, in a dispute over a 500 yuan rent, back in 2005, then ran from his home at Hangzhou, China's Zhejiang Province, before authorities could apprehend him.

The runaway murder suspect adopted the fake name of Wang Gui and started pretending to be a mute beggar in order to make ends meet. While staying true to his mute persona. He even got a new wife and fathered a child, but never spoke a word to them, for fear of saying something that could blow his cover.

Unfortunately for Zheng, his 12 years of self-imposed silence couldn't help him during a household survey conducted by Police. However, Police soon learned something bizarre about the alleged murderer. Even though he had pretended to be a mute for over a decade, he appeared to have truly lost his ability to speak.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is an ORAC value?



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Bag medals in Hindi exams

Anagha (yellow T-shirt) of 9th standard and Reema Prasad (green T-Shirt) of 6th standard, who are students of Mahajana Public School, Mysuru, have secured gold medals in the Hindi Bhasha Pariksha, conducted by CBSE, New Delhi, recently.

Applications invited from Special Teachers

Mysuru, Dec.30 - Ranga Rao Memorial School for Disabled Metagalli, has invited applications from Special Teachers under the "Child Centric Project" of the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens. Candidates with academic qualifications of Special B.Ed in VI with Graduation for the High School Division and Diploma in VI with PUC for Primary School Division can apply with the appropriate documents. For details contact Ph: 0821-2412320 or 9686668434.

Students bag Rolling Trophy

Acharya Vidya Kula students have won the Rolling Trophy for overall performance at QSCIENZA conducted by BASE PU College in Mysuru recently. K.V. Sudhanva and Sudhanshu Bharadwaj of tenth standard who won the first prize in the quiz contest are seen with the other members of the School team S.K. Anirudh, Jayanth Rao and B.C. Pratham.

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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Provide Halt Station at JP Nagar last stop

Sir,

The present Mysuru - Chamarajanagar Railway Track passes very next to JP Nagar and JP Nagar last bus stop where the facility of city buses to Southern part of Mysuru, especially JP Nagar, Vishweshwaranagar, Vidyaranyapuram and Nanjumalige, is very good. But the nearest Halt Station at Ashokapuram doesn't have any city bus connectivity nor autos are available. One has to walk all the way to H.D. Kote Road to get any transportation facility.

A Halt Station with a platform and a small ticket counter something like the one in Chamarajapuram here would benefit hundreds of people as the JP Nagar last bus stop is connected with good number of buses. Autos are also easily available.

On behalf of the large number of travelling public, I request the DRM Mysuru and MP Pratap Simha to take up this matter with the Railway Ministry.

—Vasanth
on e-mail

JP Nagar
24.12.2017

State-level workshop for Assistant Professors of Kannada at CIIL

Mysuru, Dec. 30 - The National Testing Service-India (NTS-I) of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) is conducting a five-day training-cum-workshop on Testing and Evaluation and Question Item Writing for the newly-recruited Assistant Professors of Kannada, Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka, from Jan. 1 to Jan. 5 at CIIL, Mysuru.

Prof. H.M. Maheshwaraiah, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi will inaugurate the workshop on Jan.1 at 10 am at CIIL Conference Hall (2nd Floor).

Prof. D.G. Rao, Director, CIIL will preside, according to a press release from the Institute.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Talk on 'Butterflies'

Mysore Science Foundation (MCF) has organised its 57th Monthly Science Lecture on 'Butterflies of Mysore' at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises today at 5.30 pm. Anagha, Engineer and Naturalist, will be the resource person. Programme is open to all. For details, contact MSF Secretary G.B. Santhosh Kumar on Mob: 81055-03863 or C. Krishnegowda on 98444-05284.

Calling Teachers

Teachers serving in Government Primary and High Schools, who are seeking a transfer, can apply online through the Public Instruction Department website: www.schooleducation.kar.nic.in before Jan.10, according to a release issued by the Department Joint Director.

Sahitya Chavadi

The 98th edition of Sahitya-Chavadi-Samvada will feature a talk by Prof. M. Varadaraju, retd. Kannada Professor, Maharani's College on novel 'Avasthe' authored Dr. U.R. Ananthamurthy, at Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabanu Road, Kuvempunagar on Dec.31 at 10.30 am. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or 99451-01649.

Birth anniversary

Arasu Mandali Sangha will be celebrating the birth anniversary of renowned writer Chaduranga (Subramanya Raje Urs) at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Community Hall on Jan.1, 2018 at 6 pm. Sangha President Kemparaje Urs has requested Sangha members and community members to participate in large numbers.

Dance contest

Karunamayee, special children training school, will be organising a dance competition for special children titled 'We Are Special' on Jan. 19, 2018 at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium. Interested Special Schools must register before Jan.10. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2547944 or 94800-24141.

Youth Parliament

Following are the winners of District-level Youth Parliament Competition conducted by the Department of Public Instructions recently: 1. C. Rakshith (Marimallappa High School), 2. S. Thejonidhi (Sadvidya High School), 3. V. Himani (Marimallappa High School), 4. S. Prarthesh (St. Joseph's High School), 5. G. Krishna (Marimallappa's High School). First and second prize winners will be taking part in the State-level Contest.

Panchakarma treatment

Dr. Ajith Pawar will be conducting a free health camp (Panchakarma treatment) at Bhagyavanthi Ayurveda and Panchakarma Centre in Yadavagiri on Dec.31 from 9 am. [Mob: 97415-34569 / 94485-54009]

Local youths transform a smelly garbage dump into public shelter

Mysuru, Dec.30 (BCT)- A garbage dump is a metaphor for everything that is wrong with the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) today. But here is an example where residents, without the help of the civic administration, have transformed a smelly garbage dump into a beautiful place for people to take shelter, spend time and read newspapers, motivating them to keep their surroundings clean. And their inspiration is, PM Narendra Modi and his clarion call for a Swachh Bharat.

Frustrated by constant dumping of garbage at Soppinakeri First Cross, Mandi Mohalla near Yellamma Temple, local youth and residents of the area have cleaned up the place and have constructed a shelter and they have spent from their own pockets for cleaning and construction. What was an eyesore just months back where people covered their noses while passing through the area is now a spic and span place that can be a model for other localities.

The area now sports this elevated structure (to prevent the entry of stray animals) that has been covered with asbestos sheets, supported by iron pillars and railings.

It has stone benches and a newspaper-stand-cum-sign-board that welcomes the visitors. It proudly displays the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Logo and also sports the photographs of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Subhash Chandra Bose, Swami Vivekananda, Sir M. Visvesvaraya, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Lal Bahadur Shastry, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Lokamanya Balagangadhara Tilak, Chandrashekhar Azad, Bhagat Singh, Kalpana Chawla and Salumarada Thimmakka.

Residents have placed a couple of flower pots and have planted a tree by the side of the shelter to provide the much-needed greenery and cool breeze. No smoking, littering or drinking is allowed here and residents say that the women of the area keep a constant watch on the shelter so that it is not misused.

Says Nagaraj, one among the youths who took the initiative, "The garbage mound was a public nuisance and it was a breeding ground for diseases. People used to throw food and household waste and even hotels would dump their vegetarian and non-vegetarian leftovers here. It was a place swarming with flies and stray dogs. Every year, we used to organise religious and national festivals here and the garbage was a problem. We decided to get rid of the waste and here is the result."

He said that the local youth and the residents pooled in money and over Rs. 50,000 was spent for the structure. "Some people contributed Rs.10 and others contributed Rs.100 and Rs.500. We could manage to collect the money over some months. When the structure was complete, our area Corporator Ramesh alias Ramani offered to install streetlight at the spot," he said.

Youths including Narayana, Jagadeesha, Sujith Kumar, Nataraj, Shivu and Sunil were actively involved in beautifying the area.

CM likely to inaugurate Indira Canteens in city on Jan.1

Works on one of the Indira canteens in progress on Jodithenginamara Road in Bannimantap.

Mysuru, Dec.30 (PM&US)- Out of 11 Indira Canteens proposed in city, ten are almost ready and construction of the eleventh one has been taken up on Jodithenginamara Road in Bannimantap.

Disclosing this to *Star of Mysore*, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha said that all the canteens proposed in the State will be of uniform design and set up with pre-fabricated walls thus assisting quick construction.

He further said that the canteens would be inaugurated on Jan.1 subject to the availability of the CM.

Explaining further, Jagadeesha said that MCC would be responsible for supply of power, water and Under Ground Drainage (UGD) and a Committee headed by the Deputy Commissioner would be monitoring all the canteens.

He further said that the food tender was ready and waiting for the Government approval.

Mysuru winter festival

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Tourism Department: Open Street Festival featuring cultural programmes, workshops and exhibitions, D. Devaraja Urs Road, **up to 7.30 pm.**

Mysuru District Administration, Mysore Palace Board and Horticulture Department: Flower Show, **10 am to 9 pm;** Display of Dolls at Bombe Mane and Photography Expo, **10 am to 8.30 pm;** Palace Illumination, Mysore Palace premises, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

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Amit Shah to visit State tomorrow

Amit Shah

Bengaluru, Dec.30 (KMS&DM)- With the State BJP mired in internal dissidence, BJP National President Amit Shah is scheduled to visit the State on Dec.31.

Shah has convened a meeting of party MPs, Legislators and office-bearers at the party State headquarters here tomorrow. He is said to have asked the party leaders to come up with statistics and details about the party's readiness to face the 2018 Assembly polls.

Shah, who will discuss the current political scenario in the State in detail, is likely to give important tips on strengthening the party base.

Shah, who had earlier entrusted the task of taking care of one more constituency other than the one they were representing, is also likely to seek inputs from the leaders on how they have executed the task.

Following the important meeting, Amit Shah will take part in the State BJP Core Committee meeting later in the evening, during which he will advise the party leaders on the specific agendas that will be of much benefit to the party in the 2018 Assembly polls.

Obituary

R. Shivaram

Mysuru, Dec.30- R. Shivaram, Proprietor of Snow Light Dry Cleaners in K.R. Circle, passed away last night at his Brindhavan Layout residence. He was 86.

He leaves behind his wife, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed this afternoon at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam.

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Carnival on Urs Road

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The crowd was in for a literal treat as the fest had several eating outlets and stores along with about 10 additional food trucks. People munched on snacks as they enjoyed performances. While one section of the audience swelled near stage one where a band was playing English music, the other section of the crowd were near Stage 2 where Kannada songs were being sung.

Three-D art street painting, temporary tattoos, pencil sketches, canvas painting, photo exhibits, etc. were major attractions. A kiosk named 'iBhojanam' served delightful array of dishes, cooked in the authentic way that symbolised the rich Indian Culture. They served Puliogare, Thairsadam (Curd rice), Chakkarai Pongal (Sweet Pongal), Vangi Bath along with Masala Vada aiming to preserve the traditional food amongst the modern fast foods.

The fest has several surprises in store as they get to dance with the big doll like structure dancers, shopping discounts, games and a lot to explore. With energy flowing in the air, the young and the old walked up to the road to be a part of this festival.

Sachin, a software engineer, said, " It so good to see people in Mysuru taking part in this Festival and their support and enthusiasm can be clearly seen as they seem to be enjoying themselves thoroughly."

This festival is being held for the second time after it received an overwhelming response during Dasara on Sept. 27. Most of the showrooms on the road were closed. Speaking to *SOM*, one of the shop owners who did not want to reveal his identity said, "Some shopkeepers feel that this fest hurts their business. But this fest actually attracts crowd and some people tend to stop by and give me an opportunity to do business."

TIGHT SECURITY

The Police had setup strict security for the entire day to handle the continuous flow of crowd. Barricades were set up on either ends of the road as well as other entry points. Volunteers ensured smooth running of the events and managed the crowd. Help desks and information kiosks were also setup to guide the visitors.

Kerala HC orders to pay compensation

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The Court order also applies to those students who have not completed their courses as the UGC derecognised the courses. For such students, the Court has asked the KSOU to allow them to complete their courses in any of the colleges coming under its jurisdiction or pay them Rs. 3 lakh each as compensation.

Students told the Court that they learnt about the derecognition in 2015 when a leading Malayalam daily carried the news. But it was too late because they had already registered from 2012 for technical courses at different centres of KSOU. The University gave an impression the courses still had UGC recognition and now the academic prospects of over 4.50 lakh students have been affected, they told the Court.

Many students, who have taken up jobs at Indian and multi-national companies after completing technical courses from KSOU, have either lost their jobs as their degrees have no value now or are in dire straits. The Kerala HC order has come as a relief to students who can now hope to at least get back the fees paid to the KSOU and the money paid to its study centres.

When *Star of Mysore* contacted KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. D. Shivalingaiah to seek his reaction on the Kerala HC order, he said that certain cases will not come under the purview of the High Courts and only Supreme Court has the powers to hear such cases. "The Kerala HC has not asked us to pay a fine but to compensate affected students. This will apply only to those Kerala students who have petitioned the HC and not all other students," he said.

In a similar case sometime back, the Supreme Court had asked an institution to pay back the fees for the loss of academic year. "Here, the Kerala students have not sought any compensation and they have only sought a chance to write the examination," the VC said.

Prof. Shivalingaiah said that the Kerala HC order and the UGC's lack of response to the Karnataka High Court order (that had asked the UGC to grant recognition for non-technical courses by Dec. 26) will be placed before the KSOU Academic Council meeting on Jan. 9 and Board of Management meeting on Jan. 10. "The meeting will take a final call on the next step to be taken," he said.

Usher in 2018 with a bang!

Various hotels, resorts, clubs and organisations have geared up to bid good bye to 2017 and welcome the New Year with a bang. Here is the list of parties being organised in Mysuru city:

RADISSON BLU PLAZA

Theme: Howdy 2018 - The Wild West New Year's Eve
Entertainment: Westward Ho! @ Mehfil Ball Room
Live Band, Fashion Show, MC, Dance Performance, Beat Boxing, DJ, Dance Floor, Kids Zone, Fireworks
Food & Beverage: Unlimited Beverages (select brand), Unlimited Lavish Starters and Buffet
Price: Rs. 8,000 (couple), Rs. 5,000 (male stag), Rs. 4,000 (single lady), Rs. 2,500 (child).

Ranch Clubbing at Myst Lounge
Entertainment: DJ, Dance Floor, Unlimted Beverages (select brands), Unlimited Starters and Limited Buffet
Price: Rs. 6,000 (couple), Rs. 4,000 (male stage), Rs. 3,000 (single woman). No entry for children @ Myst Lounge
Time: 8.00 pm onwards
Contact: 88844 45053 or 88844 45054

SILENT SHORES RESORTS & SPA

Theme: Neon Themed Party
Entertainers: Danish Sait, dance performances, DJ Shiv and others.
Banquet: Unlimited Food and Beverages.
Time: 8.00 pm onwards.
Price: Rs. 8,000 (couple), Rs. 5,000 (male stag).
Contact: 96866 66692/95/96

GOLDEN LANDMARK

Entertainers: DJ, Dance Performances, Games for couple.
Time: 7.30 pm onwards.
Price: Rs. 2,500 (couple), Rs. 1,500 (stag)
(Includes food and entertainment charge; separate charges for liquor)
Contact: 98804 14145

LOBOS COURTYARD

Theme: Life Is A Beach (NYE'18 Beach Bash!!!)
Entertainers: Live DJ, Beach Props and Games
Banquet: Lavish Buffet, Bonfire with Live Barbeque and Seafood
Price: Rs. 2,799 couple, Rs. 3,699 family (A couple with two kids- below 12 years), Rs. 1,199 (single lady) and Rs. 799 (children aged 5-15 years).
Time: 8.00 pm onwards
Contact: 98441 73536 or 98447 40493

SOUTHERN STAR

Theme: New Year 2018.
Entertainers: DJ Marshmalcom and others.
Banquet: Unlimited Food and Beverages.
Price: Rs. 3,999 (couple), Rs. 2,499 (stag), Rs. 999 (children).
Time: 8 pm onwards.
Contact: 7618797873 or 0821-2426426

ROYAL ORCHID BRINDAVAN GARDEN

Theme: Bollywood Showdown.
Entertainers: DJ Spiky, Live Music by Kashyap and The Collective.
Price: Rs. 5,000 (couple), Rs. 2,999 (stag).
Contact: 9945815566 or 9902000151

HOTEL PAI VISTA

Theme: Blue Theme Couples.
Entertainers: Dance Performance, Games, DJ Music.
Banquet: Unlimited spirits, starters, gala dinner.
Time: 8. 00 pm onwards.
Price: Rs. 4,480 (couple), Rs. 3,200 (stag - accompanied by couple), Rs.1,280 kids, Rs. 3,200 (for children above 12 years).
Contact: 9663369014 or 9945615420

RIO MERIDIAN

Theme: Swag Se Swagat
Entertainers: Fashion Show, Dance Performance, Concert by singer/perfermor P. Akash, DJ Music, DJ Vikram Devaiah, Tattoo Artist, Selife Corner, Games, Fireworks.
Banquet: Lavish Baffet and Beverages
Price: Rs.3,000(couple), Rs.2,000(stag), Rs.700(children aged 7-14 years).
Contact: 8892306147 or 9901389145

THE QUORUM HOTEL

New Year Eve Gala Dinner
Price: Rs. 999 per person with limited spirits
Contact: 9538233888 or 8884466341

HIGH PARK

Entertainers: Dance and much more.
Place: Revolving Restaurant.
Banquet: Unlimited Veg and Non-Veg Buffet.
Price: Rs.1,000 per person (including children). Separate charges for spirits.
Time: 7.30 pm onwards.

If you are not a party animal then the best place to be for the New Year is Mysore Palace to witness various cultural programmes and spectacular display of fireworks at the stroke of midnight tomorrow.

Weekend STAR Supplement

Mysuru Saturday 30th December 2017

ADIEU 2017

Politics, be it electoral or politics over water, dominated Mysuru in 2017. The State will go into polls in 2018 with heavyweights like the current Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and former CMs B.S. Yeddyurappa and H.D. Kumaraswamy pitted against each other. It will be a battle of giants and the winner will be from a political party that has milked the Cauvery and Mahadayi water issues, Kannada Flag row and the Lingayat-Veerashaiva controversy to the maximum.

On a positive note, however, Mysuru won a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest Yoga lesson with 55,506 participants at a single venue on June 21. Yaduveer K.C. Wadiyar and Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar were blessed with a baby boy, the 28th descendant of the erstwhile Royal Family, on Dec.6.

Elsewhere, 2017 will go down in history as a year that saw many significant developments in India and across the globe. While the United States elected Donald Trump as its 45th President, India, the World's Largest Democracy, chose Ram Nath Kovind as its 14th President and Venkaiah Naidu as 13th Vice-President.

India rolled out the historic Goods and Services Tax (GST) on July 1, 2017. The year also saw many inter-border and diplomatic standoffs with a belligerent China and a foxy Pakistan. What stood out, however, is the #MeToo online campaign that saw thousands of Indian women speak up against sexual abuse that was suppressed all these years. This *Weekend Star Supplement* takes you back to 2017, the year gone by.

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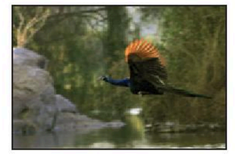


JANUARY

Jan. 1 : Noted director-producer and publisher Gauri Sunder (68) dies of heart attack; V. Siddharthacharry (96), former Ambassador and Founder of Acharya Vidya Kula (AVK), Mysuru, passes away.

Jan. 2 : Former Minister and Dalit leader V. Sreenivasa Prasad joins BJP; Vipul Kumar takes charge as IGP (Southern Range); Former MyLAC MD M.V. Hemanth Kumar (60) passes away.

Jan. 3 : Co-operation Minister H.S. Mahadevaprasad (58) dies in sleep.

Jan. 4 : Zoo closed after bird flu scare.

Jan. 6 : Renowned Bollywood and theatre actor Om Puri (66) passes away following massive cardiac arrest.

Jan. 8 : PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Bengaluru.

Jan. 10 : University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa's 4-year tenure ends; Sabarmati Ashram inaugurated at Manasagangothri; Linguist Prof. Kikkeri Narayan (70) passes away; Union Minister Gen. V.K. Singh visits Suttur Mutt.

Jan. 11 : Prof. Yashwant Dongre, Dean, Faculty of Commerce, UoM, takes charge as the acting VC.

Jan. 12 : Hoax bomb call triggers panic at DC office; Brijesh Kalappa quits as CM's Legal Advisor; Hangarahalli bonded labour case: All 4 accused acquitted after 17 years.

Jan. 14 : Former KPCC Member and Educationist Dr. M. Dejamma (81) passes away.

Jan. 15 : Former Kodagu District Congress President B.T. Pradeep (56) no more.

Jan. 18 : U.T. Khader is Chamarajanagar in-Charge Minister.

Jan. 19 : Centenarian Gamaka artiste B.S.S. Kaushik (102) passes away.

Jan. 20 : **Donald J. Trump sworn-in as 45th President of USA;** Govt. offices go paperless: District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa launches e-Office at DC office; Dr. P.D. Padmakumar Jain (77), former Joint Director of Veterinary Department, passes away.

Jan. 25 : Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar inaugurates Post Office Passport Seva Kendra at Metagalli.

Jan. 26 : Dr. Mruthyunjaya P. Kulenur (63), Registrar of JSS University, passes away.

Jan. 27 : Retired CFTRI Scientist N.P. Dani (84) passes away.

Jan. 28 : Former CM S.M. Krishna quits Congress.

Jan. 29 : Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah celebrates daughter's wedding.

Jan. 30 : **Roger Federer wins Australian Open.**

Jan. 31 : Rupak Kumar Dutta (R.K. Dutta) takes over as DG&IGP replacing Om Prakash; Former MLC D. Madegowda quits Congress.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 : Finance Minister Arun Jaitley presents combined Railway & General Budget; Former Vice-Principal of JSS Public School-Siddarthanagar K. Gowri Muthanna (80) passes away.

Feb. 2 : Chief Minister Siddharamaiah inaugurates 9th Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes) in front of Vidhana Soudha.

Feb. 3 : Zoo reopens after a month of bird flu scare.

Feb. 4 : Former Hunsur MLA Kodi V. Papanna (78) passes away; Bengaluru ATM attacker Madhukar Reddy arrested in Andhra Pradesh after three years.

Feb. 6 : 'Music on Wheels' for schools launched; Prof. S.K. Ananda Theertha (69), retd. Principal of SBRR Mahajana PU College, passes away.

Feb. 9 : Governor Vajubhai R. Vala presents awards during the valedictory of 9th BIFFes at Mysore Palace.

Feb. 10 : Ambassador of Japan to India Kenji Hiramatsu and his wife Patricia Hiramatsu visit Mysore Palace.

Feb. 13 : Kambala Bill passed in State Assembly.

Feb. 14 : AIADMK General Secretary V.K. Sasikala convicted in 21-year-old DA case; Indian Tabla Maestro Sandeep Das wins Grammy.

Feb. 15 : ISRO creates history - launches a record 104 satellites on a single rocket from Satish Dhawan Space Centre; AIADMK General Secretary V.K. Sasikala in Parappana Agrahara Jail at Bengaluru.

Feb. 18 : Major fire at Kalkare Range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve — 28-year-old forest guard Murigeppa Tammangol charred to death while trying to douse flames; Miscreants set fire to 'Dodda Ratha' in Chamarajanagar.

Feb. 19 : Former CJI Altamas Kabir (68) passes away; Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty sworn-in as TTD Member.

Feb. 20 : Senior RSS Pracharak M.C. Jayadev (85) passes away.

Feb. 23 : Tipu Armoury in Srirangapatna excavated.

Feb. 27 : **Rev. K.A. William ordained as Bishop of Mysore Diocese.**

MARCH

Mar. 1 : DC D. Randeep stays Kukkarahalli Lake development work; Former Deputy Mayor T. Devaraj (59) passes away following heart attack; Rajagopura of Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple at Srirangapatna adorned with five new gold-plated 'Kalashas.'

Mar. 2 : Bengaluru Steel Bridge Project scrapped; Yunus Ali Kauser takes charge as the Chief Fire Officer in city.

Mar. 3 : ACB raids the house of PWD Superintending Engineer S. Ranganatha Naik at Vijayanagar First Stage in city and recovers properties worth about Rs.60 crore.

Mar. 4 : Bandipur receives first rainfall of the year.

Mar. 5 : **Shifting of Tipu armoury begins to make way for completion of Mysuru-Bengaluru double track.**

Mar. 7 : Governor Vajubhai Vala presents Hon. Doctorate to Karnatak Classical vocalist Prof. Gowri Kuppuswamy at the 2nd Convocation of Music University.

Mar. 14 : Habib Khan (76) of Habib Group of Industries, Mysuru, passes away in Mangaluru; ACB traps AE K.S. Venkatesh, attached to Hootagalli CESC Sub-Division while accepting bribe from an electrical contractor.

Mar. 15 : Congress Government headed by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah presents the last budget; Philanthropist H.V. Shankar Rao (95) passes away.

Mar. 16 : Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar wins trust vote in 40-member Assembly; Former MLC and KPCC SC Wing President N. Manjunath (54) passes away.

Mar. 17 : Naganahalli Research Station turns 100.

Mar. 19 : Yogi Adityanath, a five-time BJP Member of Parliament from Gorakhpur and the head priest of Goraknath Temple in his constituency, takes oath as Uttar Pradesh's new Chief Minister; Roger Federer wins Indian Wells title.

Mar. 22 : Former Karnataka Chief Minister S.M. Krishna joins BJP in the presence of party Chief Amit Shah.

Mar. 26 : New subway, lifts, free Wi-Fi at City Railway Station inaugurated in Bengaluru via video link.

Mar. 27 : Former Ch'nagar MP and Congress Leader Kagalawadi M. Shivanna joins BJP.

Mar. 29 : Lok Sabha passes all four GST Bills.

Mar. 30 : Senior writer, intellect and journalist Prof. H.L. Keshavamurthy (78) passes away.

Mar. 31 : Food and Civil Supplies Deputy Director Dr. K. Rameshwarappa transferred on charges of violation of model code of conduct.

APRIL

Apr. 2 : Governor Vajubhai Vala lays foundation stone for Nava Brindavan Dham in ISKCON Mysuru Cultural Centre; **Ace Indian shuttler P.V. Sindhu wins India Open 2017 Super Series.**

Apr. 3 : Hindustani classical vocalists Kishori Amonkar (84) dies in sleep; Tiger Prince, the favourite among visitors in Bandipur dead.

Apr. 5 : Vyramudi Utsava at Melukote; Renovation of St. Philomena's Church interiors completed; IPL-10 launched at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Pune.

Apr. 6 : Renovated Kaveri Nisargadhama in Kushalnagar opened after 20 days.

Apr. 7 : Dodda Jathra festival held at Nanjangud; K.G. Chandrashekar takes charge as KSOU Registrar.

Apr. 9 : Brisk Polling for Nanjangud-Gundlupet by-elections; 'Teppotsava' (floating festival) at Nanjangud as part of Dodda Jathra.

Apr. 10 : Chief Minister Siddharamaiah flags off Pink Hoysala patrolling vehicles to ensure safety of women and children in front of Vidhana Soudha; Palace Board takes over e-parking system near Varaha Gate.

Apr. 11 : KERC hikes power tariff by 48 paise per unit from Apr. 1, 2017 to Mar. 30, 2018.

Apr. 12 : Karnataka Legislature Audit Committee visits Mysore Race Club (MRC), Zoo: To submit report to Govt. on feasibility of shifting Mysore Zoo's aviary to MRC.

Apr. 13 : Congress wins Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-elections.

Apr. 16 : 14-year-old Harshal dies of Chemical burns at Belavatha.

Apr. 18 : Dr. S. Dandapani (85), retired Professor of Education, RIE Mysuru, passes away.

Apr. 19 : Union Cabinet bans use of red beacon on vehicles attached to Central and State Ministers and other VVIPs - Decision to be implemented from May 1.

Apr. 21 : Congress candidates Kalale Keshavamurthy and Dr. Geetha Mahadevaprasad take oath as MLAs from Nanjangud and Gundlupet Assembly constituencies respectively; The 41st Sakya Trichen Rinpoche from Dehradun visits Bylakuppe.

Apr. 26 : Former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram's relatives' coffee factory, offices in Kodagu raided by Income Tax sleuths; Veteran freedom fighter Malavanda G. Chengappa (104) passes away.

Apr. 27 : Veteran actor and BJP MP Vinod Khanna (70) passes away.

MAY

May 2 : Former Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad appointed as Vice-President of State BJP unit.

May 3 : Dr. K. Rameshwarappa re-appointed as Food and Civil Supplies Deputy Director.

May 4 : Mysuru city loses 'Cleanest City' ranking: Indore gets the 1st place, Mysuru slips to fifth; Indra Bhavan Stores Partner M. Ravindra Prakash (66) passes away.

May 5 : Mysuru Assistant Commissioner (AC) C.L. Ananda transferred as the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Upper Krishna Project, Jamakhandi in Bagalkot; MCC withdraws car provided to KAS Officer and District Minister's Special Officer Shobha.

May 6 : Two-day State BJP Executive Meet in city.

May 9 : Calcutta High Court Judge Chinnaswamy Swaminathan Karnan sentenced to six months in prison on charges of contempt.

May 11 : Rowdy-sheeter 'Bomb' Naga arrested in Tamil Nadu.

May 12 : ATM gutted at Mysore Palace premises.

May 15 : CM Siddharamaiah launches Kaushalya Karnataka Scheme in Bengaluru; Kulbhushan Jadav Case - International Court of Justice begins hearing at Hague, Netherlands.

May 17 : 2007 Karnataka cadre IAS Officer Anurag Tiwari found dead in Lucknow.

May 18 : Veteran film and TV actor Reema Lagoo (59) dies of cardiac arrest.

May 21 : Union Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu in city.

May 23 : Vishwa Manava Express from Mysuru to Hubballi (via Bengaluru) flagged off by Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu through video link from Delhi; Controversial Godman Chandraswami (66) dies of stroke; Hollywood actor 'Bond' Sir Roger Moore (89) passes away; **Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and his son Ayaan Ali Bangash perform at Sri Ganapathy Ashrama.**

May 24 : Mysuru Court blast in August 2016: National Investigation Agency (NIA) files charge-sheet against three persons.

May 26 : Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis at Sri Ganapathy Ashrama; Dr. Rohini Sepat is new Chamarajanagar SP; Centre bans sale of cows for slaughter; 'Supercop' former Punjab DGP Kanwar Pal Singh Gill (82) dies; Sri Ganapathy Ashrama scores Guinness World Record Hat-trick.

May 29 : Udupi Sode and Kukke Subramanya Mutts bury 250-year-old feud.

May 30 : Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Krishan Pal Gurjar visits Excel Plant near Sewage Farm in city; Babri Masjid demolition case - CBI Special Court grants bail to former Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani, former Union Minister Murli Manohar Joshi, Union Minister Uma Bharti and other accused.

May 31 : Dr. Parvathamma Rajkumar (78) passes away.

JUNE

June 1 : Dr. Parameshwara quits as Home Minister.

June 2 : Dharmendra Kumar Meena takes charge as Chamarajanagar SP.

June 4 : Mysuru city gets India's first Public Bicycle Sharing initiative 'Trin Trin'; Former Union Minister P. Chidambaram attends Mysuru Lit Fest.

June 8 : KAS Officer D. Bharati takes charge as University of Mysore Registrar; Rohan Bopanna wins French Open Mixed Doubles title to clinch maiden Grand Slam.

June 10 : Builder and Rotarian M.S. Nandakumar (64), passes away.

June 11 : Rafael Nadal beats Stan Wawrinka - Wins 10th French Open title.

June 12 : Rahul Gandhi re-launches 'National Herald' in Bengaluru.

June 14 : Bylakuppe Golden Temple closed for renovation.

June 16 : 1993 Mumbai Blast Case - Abu Salem and 5 others found guilty.

June 17 : Mock drill for longest chain yoga in city.

June 18 : Over 25,000 rehearse for Guinness Yoga Record at Mysore Race Course; Ramakrishna Mission Chief Swami Atmasthanandaji passes away in Kolkata; Indian men's cricket team loses to Pakistan in the finals of Champions Trophy 2017 in London; Men's hockey team beat Pakistan in the World Hockey League 2017; India's ace shuttler Kidambi Srikanth clinches Indonesia Open Men's singles trophy defeating Japanese qualifier Kazumasa Sakai.

June 19 : Over 8,000 students perform Chain Yoga at Palace.

June 20 : Anil Kumble steps down as Team India Head Coach.

June 21 : 54,101 perform Yoga at Mysore Race Course - For Record Attempt; Music University confers Hon. Doctorate on Mumbai's famous violinist Dr. N. Rajam.

June 22 : G. Radhika is new Mandya SP.

June 23 : Former MP A.H. Vishwanath quits Congress; Intl. Yoga Day - Mysuru loses out on Guinness Record.

June 25 : **K. Srikanth wins Australian Open Super Series.**

June 28 : Theatre artiste Sreekanta Gundappa passes away; Dr. Vikram V. Amathe takes charge as new DCP (Crime & Traffic) of Mysuru.

June 29 : Zoo Executive Director Dr. K. Kamala Karikalan transferred.

JULY

July 1 : GST rolled out; Echo of SC order - 165 bars closed in Mysuru as Highway liquor ban kicks in.

July 2 : Voting for MCC Ward 32 by-election.

July 4 : Roads within city exempted from Highway liquor ban - Supreme Court; Former MP A.H. Vishwanath joins JD(S).

July 5 : S.B.M. Manju of JD(S) wins MCC Ward 32 by-poll; Bhagirathi Bai Kadam takes charge as Rangayana Director after H. Janardhan.

July 6 : ADC T. Venkatesh transferred to Haveri; B.P. Ravi promoted as Additional PCCF.

July 7 : C. Ravishankar takes charge as Zoo Executive Director after Dr. Kamala Karikalan.

July 10 : Former UoM VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa, ex-KPSC Member Prof. H. Govindaiah join JD(S); **CFTRI launches Ragi Mudde making machine.**

July 11 : Supreme Court stays ban on cow slaughter; T. Yogesh takes charge as ADC of Mysuru from outgoing ADC T. Venkatesh; BCCI names Ravi Shastri as the new chief coach of Indian cricket team with Zaheer Khan as bowling coach; International squash player Joshna Chinnappa appointed as senior sports officer of Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (Tangedco).

July 12 : Rohini Sindhuri is new Hassan DC.

July 13 : Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in city.

July 15 : CM inaugurates swimming pool at Chamundi Vihar Stadium.

July 16 : Roger Federer first to win Wimbledon eight times.

July 17 : Presidential Election - Voting begins; DIG (Prisons) D. Roopa transferred; Smriti Irani gets additional charge of Information and Broadcasting.

July 21 : MPVL marker pens to replace indelible ink vials.

July 23 : ICC Women's World Cup 2017 - India loses to England by 9 runs in the final.

July 24 : Former ISRO Chairman Prof. U.R. Rao (85) no more; President Pranab Mukherjee addresses nation before demitting office.

July 25 : Ram Nath Kovind sworn-in as 14th President of India; "Water Warrior" Ayyappa Masagi in city.

July 27 : Barely 14 hours after resigning... Nitish Kumar back as Bihar CM; Former Karnataka CM Dharam Singh (80) no more; Olympics silver medallist P.V. Sindhu appointed as Deputy Collector by Andhra Pradesh Government.

July 28 : Panama Case Verdict - Pakistan SC disqualifies PM Nawaz Sharif.

July 31 : Veteran BJP leader B.B. Shivappa passes away; N.R. Vishukumar is Kannada and Culture Director; Senior IPS Officer T. Suneel Kumar takes charge as Bengaluru City Police Commissioner replacing Praveen Sood.

AUGUST

Aug. 2 : Income Tax Department raids Karnataka Power Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

Aug. 4 : Sandeep Dave is ATI Director-General.

Aug. 6 : Gandhian and Janapada Seva Trust Founder Surendra Koulagi (83) passes away.

Aug. 9 : Gujarat Rajya Sabha Seat - Ahmed Patel wins after midnight high-drama.

Aug. 10 : Dr. Asha Yathiraj, Senior Professor of Audiology, assumes charge as AIISH Director following superannuation of Dr. S.R. Savithri; Poet and writer Vijay Nambisan (64), husband of novelist Kavery Nambisan, passes away.

Aug. 11 : **Venkaiah Naidu sworn-in as 13th Vice-President;** N. Vishnuvardhana takes charge as DCP (Law & Order).

Aug. 13 : Amit Shah visits Adichunchanagiri Mutt.

Aug. 16 : AICC Vice-President Rahul Gandhi opens Indira Canteens in Bengaluru; State Women's Commission Chairperson Nagalakshmi Bai in city.

Aug. 18 : Union Minister Piyush Goyal in city; Veteran theatre personality Nadoja Enagi Balappa (103) passes away; Vishal Sikka resigns as MD and CEO of Infosys; Chandrashekar Doddamani takes charge as MD of MyLAC.

Aug. 19 : Union Environment Minister Dr. Harshavardhan on Mysuru tour; Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Subramanian in city.

Aug. 21 : 2008 Malegaon Blast Case - SC grants bail to Lt. Col. Prasad Purohit; Senior rank KAS officer B.C. Vijaykumar replaces Mandya ADC B.R. Poornima.

Aug. 22 : Triple Talaq unconstitutional - SC; Former Chief Election Commissioner T.S. Krishna Murthy in city.

Aug.24 : Right to Privacy is 'a Fundamental Right,' rules SC.

Aug. 25 : **Flautist Ronu Majumdar performs at 8th Cross.**

Aug. 26 : Army and Paramilitary Forces enter Dera Sacha Sauda headquarters at Sirsa in Haryana.

Aug. 27 : Ramapura Police arrest 52-year-old Shivaswamy alias Dumble Gundi, the aide of forest brigand Veerappan after 25 years.

Aug. 28 : Justice Dipak Misra sworn-in as 45th Chief Justice of India (CJI).

Aug. 30 : Kannada playback singer-composer L.N. Shastry (46) passes away.

THE YEAR THAT WAS - 2017

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 : Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala administers Oath of Office to newly-inducted Ministers — H.M. Revanna, R.B. Timmapur and Dr. Geetha Mahadevaprasad — at Raj Bhavan.

Sept. 3 : Nine New Ministers Join Modi Govt. - Nirmala Sitharaman second woman Defence Minister after Indira Gandhi; Captain G.R. Gopinath of Air Deccan in city.

Sept. 4 : G. Venkatesh is MRC Chairman; Former Australian cricketer Brett Lee and Dean Jones in city for KPL.

Sept. 5 : Journalist Gauri Lankesh shot dead; Supreme Court orders CBI probe into Dy.SP M.K. Ganapathy death case.

Sept. 6 : Online booking of direct entry tickets for darshan at Chamundeshwari temple atop the Chamundi Hill launched; Combat couple Dr. Seema Rao and Maj. Deepak Rao in city.

Sept. 7 : 1993 Mumbai Blast Case - Abu Salem, Karimullah Khan sentenced to life; Chess player M.S. Thejkumar of Mysuru is Karnataka's first Grand Master.

Sept. 8 : Rally for Rivers - Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev of Isha Foundation arrives in Mysuru; MUDA Commissioner Dr. M. Mahesh transferred; Veteran Kannada actor and Sandalwood movie producer R.N. Sudarshan (78) passes away.

Sept. 9 : N.R. Vishukumar is in-Charge CAVA Dean.

Sept. 10 : Veteran Actress B.V. Radha (70) passes away.

Sept. 11 : Infosys Chief Trainer Dr. P. Suresh (50) passes away.

Sept. 15 : **Acid attack survivor Reshma Banu Qureshi in city for Mysore Fashion Week.**

Sept. 17 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates Sardar Sarovar Narmada Dam in Kevadia Colony of Narmada district on his (Modi) 67th birthday; Korea Open - P.V. Sindhu defeats Nozomi Okuhara to clinch title.

Sept. 18 : Senior Congress leader and MLA Qamarul Islam (69) passes away.

Sept. 20 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi gives approval for transfer of Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel run by the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) to the State Government.

Sept. 21 : P.S. Kantharaju is new MUDA Commissioner; Poet Nisar Ahmad inaugurates Dasara-2017; **CM Siddharamaiah inaugurates binocular at Chamundi Hill View Point.**

Sept. 24 : **After a gap of two years... Golden Throne kept for public viewing at Mysore Palace.**

Sept. 25 : Energy Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) offers two silver elephant idols to Chamundeshwari temple atop Chamundi Hill.

Sept. 27 : Rain, Lake breach wreak havoc in city - Srirampura Submerged; Cabinet approves watered down Anti-Superstition Bill.

OCTOBER

Oct. 3 : Veteran Yakshagana artiste Chittani Ramachandra Hegde (84) passes away.

Oct. 6 : Expelled AIADMK leader V.K. Sasikala granted five-day parole by Karnataka jail authorities.

Oct. 7 : Karnataka Vision 2025 launched in city.

Oct. 11 : KAS Officer Dr. A. Soujanya is Additional MCC Commissioner.

Oct. 14 : Former MLC D. Madegowda joins BJP; MLA C.P. Yogeshwar quits Congress.

Oct. 16 : CM distributes MUDA sites at R.T. Nagar.

Oct. 25 : President Ram Nath Kovind delivers Vidhana Soudha Diamond Jubilee address.

Oct. 26 : Wild leopard breaks into Mysuru Zoo; Fake stamp paper kingpin Abdul Karim Telgi dies in Bengaluru Hospital.

Oct. 28 : State BJP Raitha Morcha President and former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar quits BJP; **S. Janaki Musical Nite - Singing legend bids goodbye to singing career at Manasagangothri.**

Oct. 29 : PM Narendra Modi visits Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala; Kidambi Srikanth lifts French Open.

Oct. 31 : Kannada's "Real Star" Upendra launches 'Karnataka Prajnavantha Janata Paksha' (KPJP) in Bengaluru; Senior IPS Officer Neelamani N. Raju is first woman DG&IGP of Karnataka.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 : JD(S) MLA from H.D. Kote S. Chikkamadu (68) passes away.

Nov. 2 : BJP National President Amit Shah launches BJP's 75-day Karnataka election campaign 'Nava Karnataka Nirmana Parivarthana Yatra' in Bengaluru.

Nov. 3 : Private hospitals closed to protest against Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (Amendments) Bill-2017.

Nov. 4 : Chief of the Army Staff Gen. Bipin Rawat unveils statues of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa and Gen. K.S. Thimayya at Cauvery College in Gonikoppal.

Nov. 6 : MP Pratap Simha launches Hunsur Road straightening works amidst protest and counter protest; DG&IGP Neelamani N. Raju holds meeting in city.

Nov. 7 : JD(S) launches Assembly poll campaign from Chamundeshwari Constituency.

Nov. 11 : Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa launches 'Kannada Theru,' the mobile publicity vehicle for 83rd Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in city.

Nov. 12 : KPME Act - City private hospital doctors head for Belagavi as part of "Belagavi Chalo"; St. Bartholomew's Church in city re-dedicated after renovation; Botany and Zoology Clubs inaugurated at Mysuru Zoo.

Nov. 13 : 15,000 doctors lay siege to Belagavi Assembly Session.

Nov. 16 : Election Commission of India (ECI) appoints IAS Officer Sanjiv Kumar as the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) for Karnataka.

Nov. 20 : **Prelude to 83rd Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana - 2,000 students stand to form Kannada words at Mysore Palace.**

Nov. 21 : Mysuru enters Guinness World Records for largest yoga lesson conducted on June 21; Diluted KPME Bill tabled without prison clause at the Legislative Assembly.

Nov. 22 : Palace gold leafing case - High Court disposes of PIL; Karnataka Assembly passes KPME Amendment Bill; Prof. C. Basavaraju, Dean of Law Faculty, appointed as the third in-Charge VC of UoM in a year.

Nov. 23 : *Andolana* Editor Rajashekar Koti (71) dies of heart attack.

Nov. 24 : Three-day 83rd Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana begins in city.

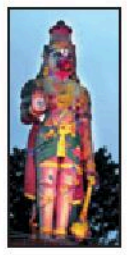
Nov. 25 : Mysuru Zoo's oldest Giraffe Krishnaraja dies.

Nov. 26 : Former Union Law Minister and present Rajya Sabha Member Dr. Subramanian Swamy attends 27th Codava National Day organised by Codava National Council (CNC) at Madikeri.

Nov. 29 : Three-day State-level 25th National Children's Science Congress in city; Freedom Fighter K.S. Shivanna (86) passes away.

DECEMBER

Dec. 1 :



Former Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani inaugurates 3D Mapping projection on 45-feet tall Karya Siddha Hanuman statue at Sri Ganapathy Ashrama in Mysuru; N. Ratna Prabha takes charge as Chief Secretary of Karnataka.

Dec. 4 : Indian film actor Shashi Kapoor (79) passes away.

Dec. 5 : Rail Safety Chief inspects Mysuru-Bengaluru electrification work.

Dec. 6 : Mayor M.J. Ravikumar's term ends; **Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar delivers baby boy.**

Dec. 8 : Raids in Mysuru Central Jail - Ganja, cell phones recovered.

Dec. 9 : Gujarat poll begins.

Dec. 11 : Supari Case - Ravi Belagere arrested, remanded to Judicial custody and lodged in Parappana Agrahara Jail; Former MLA Muktharunnisa Begum (82) passes away; Actress Anushka Sharma and Cricketer Virat Kohli tie knot at Italy.

Dec. 13 : P.I. Sreevidya is new Kodagu DC; Ravi Belagere granted interim bail.

Dec. 14 : Garbage Woes (Excel Solid Waste Management Plant at Vidyaranyapuram)- Indefinite strike begins led by former Minister S.A. Ramdas; P.A. Meghannavar appointed as Mysuru Regional Commissioner.

Dec. 16 : Rahul Gandhi takes over as Congress President; Sewage Farm Row - Ramdas ends stir following DC's assurance.

Dec. 18 : Gujarat, Himachal elections - BJP wins.

Dec. 19 : Tibetan Spiritual Leader Dalai Lama arrives at Bylakuppe on a five-day visit.

Dec. 20 : Bomb Scare near People's Park; Former Calcutta High Court Judge C.S. Karnan released from Presidency Jail in Kolkata.

Dec. 21 : 2G Scam - Former Telecom Minister A. Raja, MP Kanimozhi, 15 others acquitted; Ravi Belagere gets bail - Sunil Heggaravalli to move HC.

Dec. 23 : First-ever Mysuru Winter Festival (MWF) begins in city; Baba Ramdev conducts three-day yoga camp at Suttur Sri Kshetra.

Dec. 24 : TTV Dhinakaran wins Jaya's R.K. Nagar by-poll.

Dec. 26 : Vijay Rupani takes oath as Gujarat Chief Minister.

Dec. 29 : Noted Science writer Prof. J.R. Lakshmana Rao passes away.

[Compiled by B.N. Ramya]

Mysore Varsity Convocation-2018

Here's how you apply for Degree Certificate

Mysuru, Dec. 30 - The 98th Annual Convocation of the University of Mysore (UoM) will be held in January or February 2018 and the dates will be announced soon.

In a press release, the UoM Registrar has stated that admission to convocation is open to candidates for post-graduate degrees, doctorate degrees and winners of medals and prizes of all degrees.

Candidates for degrees such as B.Ed., LL.B., B.P.Ed., etc. are not considered as candidates for post-graduate degrees since they are basic degrees in the respective specialisation and admission to the convocation in their cases is restricted only to those candidates who have bagged medals and prizes.

Candidates may obtain their degrees either in person or in absentia by applying in the prescribed form issued by the Registrar (Evaluation) or by obtaining forms from the colleges where they studied or by obtaining from the University during office hours.

Certificates to the candidates who apply in absentia will be sent to them directly through registered post or speed post after the convocation. Candidates who have passed degree examinations with the 'class declaration' in the final year/ semester marks card at the examinations held during September-October 2016 and May-June 2017 are eligible to apply to obtain the degree in this convocation.

Candidates who have passed their degree examinations held during September- October 2017 are not eligible for obtaining their degrees at this convocation except for B.Ed. degree examinations.

Fee for obtaining degree certificates are as follows:

For general candidates, it is Rs. 2,200 for a Ph.D certificate and for SC/ST candidate, it is Rs. 990. For post-graduate degree, LLB and B.Ed, a general candidate must pay Rs. 1,600 and for SC/ST candidates, it is Rs. 745. For other degrees, a general candidate must pay Rs. 1,200 while an SC/ST candidate must pay Rs. 540.

Those who have paid the convocation fee at the time of final examinations need not pay again. Candidates belonging to SC/ ST communities must enclose a photostat copy of the caste certificate issued by the competent authority in their applications. The fee has to be remitted to the 'Examination Account,' University of Mysore or DD drawn in favour of The Finance Officer, University of Mysore.

Duly filled in applications along with the challan, DD and photostat copies of final year marks cards (not consolidated marks cards) should be sent to the Registrar (Evaluation)before Jan. 16 and with a fine of Rs. 100 before Jan. 20.

Cheque books of some banks invalid after Dec.31

New Delhi, Dec.30 - If one is an account holder of State Bank of India's (SBI) erstwhile seven associate banks including Bharatiya Mahila Bank, the cheques of these banks will become invalid after Dec.31, 2017.

The State-run seven SBI's subsidiary banks are — State Bank of Mysore, State Bank of Patiala, State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur, State Bank of Raipur, State Bank of Travancore, State Bank of Hyderabad and Bharatiya Mahila Bank, whose cheque books will become invalid.

The customers of these banks must get new cheque books, which will bear the new IFSC Code. Recently, the SBI changed names and Indian Financial System Code (IFSC) Codes of nearly 1,300 of its 25,000 branches in the country's major cities owing to its merger with six associate banks and a Bharatiya Mahila Bank.

The IFSC is a 11-digit alpha-numeric system that uniquely identifies all bank branches participating in the Reserve Bank of India's fund transfer system. IFSC is mandatory to send or receive money online from one bank account to another.

The bank has asked the account holders to apply for new cheque books before the deadline to avoid any inconvenience. The customers can also apply for the new cheque book by using internet banking, mobile banking or by visiting home branch, said the bank sources.

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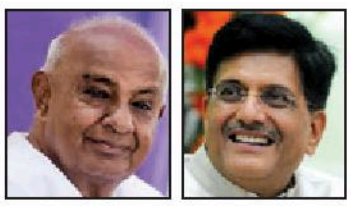
Piyush Goyal-H.D. Deve Gowda meeting raises speculations on BJP-JD(S) tie up

Bengaluru, Dec.30 (ACP&DM)- The recent meeting between Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal and former PM & JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, has given rise to speculations of a possible tie up between the BJP and the JD(S) in case of a hung Assembly in the 2018 polls.

H.D. Deve Gowda had sought an appointment with the Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal to discuss Railway projects in Hassan. But Goyal himself went to Gowda's Delhi residence and met him. With the BJP Central



H.D. Deve Gowda Piyush Goyal

leadership inclined for a past poll tie up between the BJP and JD(S), Goyal, apart from discussing Railway issues, is also said to have discussed about having a tie up between the two parties post the 2018 Assembly polls.

After the meeting, the former PM and his son H.D. Revanna, daughters Anusuya and Shailaja and MLC T.A. Saravana.

The former PM arrived at the Mysore Airport in a private aircraft along with his family members. He briefly halted at the Government Guest House, where he spoke to press persons.

Stating that he is an ardent devotee of God, Deve Gowda said that throughout his political career, he has derived strength by prayers.

Pointing out that he was fighting against the two national parties — Congress and the BJP, Deve Gowda said that he was offering special pujas on account of *Vaikunta Ekadashi* as it is auspicious. Later, the former PM travelled by road to the historical town of Srirangapatna and offered prayers, following which he left for Shivanasamudra and later proceeded to Srirangam, thus completing the *Tri-Ranga Darshana*.

Bengaluru, Dec.30- The State Governments intent to make Kannada mandatory in CBSE and ICSE Schools will become a reality from 2018-19 academic year. Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait said that students from other States who join here for higher grades, will have to take up a beginner's course in the language.

Pointing out that Kannada will be introduced at Class-1 in all schools, irrespective of their affiliation, he said that Kannada will be introduced as an introductory language in Class-1 from 2018-19 and then it will be gradually introduced till Class-10 in subsequent years. By 2026-27, Kannada will be the second language in all CBSE and ICSE Schools, including Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State, he added.

Stating that the petition filed by private schools had been dismissed by the Court, Sait maintained that the Government now has the backing of the Legislation to bring all schools under its ambit, irrespective of their affiliations. Sait further said that a proposal to merge the examination branches of SSLC and PUC is being considered by the Education Department.

Continuing, he said that the State Government is mulling on making it compulsory for elected representatives and Government employees to send their children to State-run schools. This is one of the 21 recommendations made by the Kannada Development Authority to strengthen Government Schools, he added.

Kannada must in all schools from next academic year

As election year nears, JD(S) Chief performs Tri-Ranga Darshana

Mysuru, Dec.30- With Assembly elections just a couple of months away, former Prime Minister and JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda did a bit of temple hopping on Friday.

Deve Gowda performed the *Tri-Ranga Darshana*, considered auspicious, visiting Adi Ranga at Srirangapatna, Madhya Ranga at Shivanasamudra and Antya Ranga in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. Visiting all the three temples on a single day is considered lucky.

Gowda began the Darshan at Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangapatna, then travelled to Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple at Shivanasamudra in Malavalli taluk and then visited Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangam, Tiruchirappalli.

He was accompanied by his wife Chennamma, son H.D. Revanna, MLA and former Minister daughter-in-law Bhavani Re-

Karnataka Public Schools to be set up in all hoblis: Minister

Kalaburagi, Dec.30- In order to compete with private schools, the State Government is planning to set up model schools to be named as 'Karnataka Public School' in 760 hoblis of the State.

Announcing this while speaking to press persons here recently, Minister Tanveer Sait said that enough funds will be earmarked in the next Budget for setting up the schools. Stating that about 36,000 schools in the State were in a dilapidated condition, he said that the buildings of about 31,000 Schools were repaired.

Pointing out that the schools needed about 19,000 more classrooms, the Minister said that the Government has allocated Rs. 566 crore for the same.

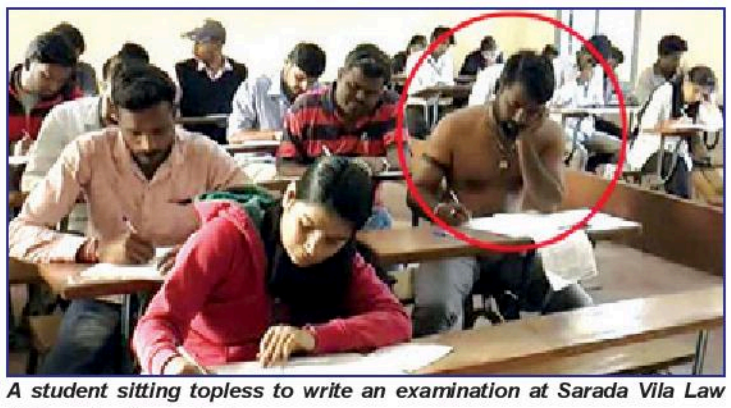
"The Karnataka Secure Examination System (KSES) Act has been passed in both the Houses of the Legislature to ensure no leakage of SSLC and PUC Exam papers and a law would soon be implemented in this regard," Sait said. Maintaining that the Government has taken many measures for preventing copying and other exam malpractices, Sait said Senior Officials of the Education Department have been asked to draw plans for improving SSLC & PUC results.

Semi nude protest by Law students in exam hall

Mysuru, Dec.30 (PM&NNN)- Protesting against the Principal and the College management alleging that they had taken money from ineligible candidates to write the exams, a few students of Sarada Vilas Law College, wrote the exams sitting semi nude and wearing black band, here yesterday.

The authorities and many students were shocked to see a few male students entering the exam hall topless to write the Criminal Procedure Code paper for fourth semester LLB examinations.

They charged that the College Principal had allowed 'ineligible' candidates from Bengaluru and Kerala and a few Government employees, who had not attended a single class to write the examinations, whereas some students having 74 percent attendance were harassed.



A student sitting topless to write an examination at Sarada Vila Law College in city yesterday.

They alleged that those ineligible students were allowed to write the examinations even though the University rules state that 75 percent attendance is compulsory. "A few of the students from outside the State gain admission to the College but do not attend classes. They pay the examination fees and appear for the examinations," said the protesting students.

The College has a student strength of 350. However, Principal P.K. Vineetha said that the students did not inform the College of the reason for the protest.

"We allow all students to write the examinations following the rules of the University. Their charges are baseless," she said.

Motorcyclist killed in accident

Mysuru, Dec.30 (SBD&DM)- A motorcyclist was killed on the spot while another rider sustained injuries, when the two-wheeler they were travelling on, was knocked down by a city bus at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle) in the city yesterday.

The deceased motorcyclist has been identified as Nandusharma (45), a resident of Bengaluru. Pillion rider Prasanna Kumar, a resident of Agrahara in city who sustained injuries, has been admitted to a hospital.

Nandusharma, who had come to city to visit his mother, was travelling on a motorcycle along with Prasanna Kumar when a city bus proceeding towards Chamundi Hill, knocked down the motorcycle at Hardinge Circle and ran over Nandusharma, killing him on the spot, it is learnt.

Devaraja Traffic Police have registered a case in this regard.

School owner's murder accused get bail

Mysuru, Dec.30- A City Court has granted bail to the three accused in the murder of Dattagalli Chanakya School owner Krishna.

The deceased Krishna's wife Radha and her alleged accomplices Manjunath and Arun are the ones who have been granted bail by the city's First Additional Sessions Court Judge Basavaraj.

Krishna died last year when it was believed that he had died a natural death. But a group of persons, in a drunken stupor at a city bar and restaurant a couple of months ago, had spilled the beans claiming that they had strangulated Krishna to death on his bed, following which the CCB Police, who began investigation into the case, arrested the three on charges of murdering Krishna.

City Police to crackdown on non-ISI mark helmets

Drive against non-standard helmets in January

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (RK&BCT)- Even as the Union Ministry of Road Transport is planning to ban production and sale of non-ISI mark helmets as part of the government's efforts to reduce road fatalities, the Mysuru City Traffic Police will soon launch a crackdown on the use of non-ISI certified helmets by motorists.

A special drive will be launched from January 1 and the helmet rule will be implemented 100 percent, both for the rider and the pillion. Though the Motor Vehicles Act mandates riders to wear only ISI-mark helmets, it is not being enforced and cheap and sub-standard helmet business is thriving in the city. Statistics say that two-wheelers account for the highest share in total road accidents.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, DCP (Crime and Traffic) Dr. Vikram V. Amathe said the Police have noticed that helmets without the ISI mark were being sold at shops, the sale of which has been banned under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

"There was a proposal before us to ban the use of duplicate helmets as soon as the helmet rule for riders and pillion came into force. We are just implementing the rule now. While an ISI-marked helmet is available for Rs. 600 to Rs. 1,500, non-ISI marked helmets are available for just Rs. 100," he said.

He said motorists wear non-standard helmets just to evade fines levied for not wearing a helmet. "People must understand that these helmets provide no protection in case of an accident. We had raided a couple of companies that manufacture such helmets and had destroyed their stocks. Still, the use of such helmets is widespread and this will be curbed," the DCP added.

Non-standard helmets are sold at places including Chamaraja Double Road, Ashoka Road, Hunsur Road, near Akashavani Circle and other roadside make-shift stalls. "Both Civil and Traffic Police will raid such shops and seize the helmets and ensure that there is 100 percent implementation. From January, we will launch the helmet drive where we will stop and levy fine. We will force them to buy good quality helmets and only then vehicles will be released," Dr. Vikram Amathe said.

Hawk's eye on revellers

Dr. Vikram Amathe

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (RK&BCT)- The City Police will keep a strict watch on the partying crowd during the New Year Eve tomorrow (Dec.31).

DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe told *SOM* that the Police vigil will start at 7 pm tomorrow. "We will not spare people who indulge in drunken driving, hooliganism and eve-teasing. Barricades will be placed at strategic points on Ring Road and at various link roads across the city to prevent vehicles from speeding," he said.

The Police Control Room will monitor all the 44 CCTV cameras installed at various junctions and if there is trouble, the jurisdiction Police teams will be alerted. "We have five interceptors that will monitor vehicle speed and fines will be levied on over-speeding. This apart, there will be 25 Policemen wearing body-cameras to record the happenings. Action will be taken based on the visuals recorded," he said.

DCPs, ACPs, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors and the constabulary have been asked to be on duty from 7 pm tomorrow till the morning of Jan.1 and Special Forces will be on standby for any situation.

The Police have constituted a Special Police Unit for Women and Children (SPUWAC) to protect the vulnerable groups. While the N.R. Police **(88617-86328)** will have one unit, Devaraja Division **(94808-02235)** will have two units and KR Division **(88617-86343)** three units.

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Wild elephants head back to forests in Madikeri

Madikeri, Dec. 30 (TP&BCT)– The two elephants that had entered the main roads of Madikeri early yesterday morning have returned to the forests last night.

Forest Department officials did not spot the pachyderms since last evening and they walked up to eight kilometres into the forests in their attempt to chase the elephants away.

Tension prevailed in Madikeri yesterday morning as two wild elephants strayed into the town and damaged the compound wall of MLA K.G. Bopaiah's residence. The elephants from Siddapura and surrounding forests at Dubare entered Madikeri town from National Highway 275, triggering panic among local residents.

Morning walkers spotted the elephants at around 4 am loitering near Sudarshan Circle, Chain Gate and Mans Compound and they immediately informed the Forest Department.

The elephants got confused as the vehicular movement started and they started to run helter-skelter. Yesterday, there were a sizable number of tourists as it is a weekend leading up to the New Year.

Tourists and residents tried to shoo away the pachyderms by screaming. This irritated the elephants further and they started to run even faster and in the melee damaged compound walls and flower pots of many houses. They also entered the gardens and ate the vegetation and plantain trees in the area that is owned by retired principal Kokkalera Rekha Kalaiah and Advocate Subbaiah.

Forest Department officials attempted to chase the elephants but the efforts were in vain. Disoriented and unable to find their way back to the woods, the elephants later camped at a burial ground for a while. Some residents burst crackers to drive them away. The elephants then proceeded towards the Mangaluru Road.

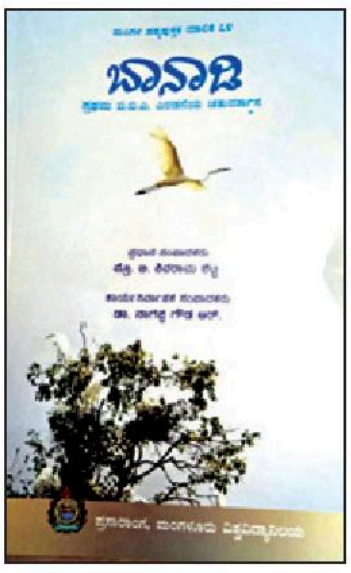
Surya Sen, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Madikeri, said he received the call around 4.30 am and immediately alerted his staff. "This is a common phenomenon in Kodagu and our focus was to attend to any complaint immediately so as to minimise human fatalities," he added.

He said that one of the elephants was aged 55 and the other about 22-years-old. It is suspected that the elephants crossed the Cauvery River and entered Siddapura, where there are a few herds in the estates. "There were six elephants in the herd, of which only two entered the main road and stayed put for some time," he said.

It may be recalled that in 2003, a wild tusker had entered Madikeri and was camping in the forests around Aranya Bhavan, Sampige Katte for over two months. It was later captured and sent to an elephant camp.

Mysooru Mithra columnist Dr. M.R. Ravi's article included in BBA syllabus

Dr. M.R. Ravi



Mysuru, Dec. 30- Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat CEO Dr. M.R. Ravi's article that was published in his column in *Mysooru Mithra,* the sister concern of *Star of Mysore,* has been included as a chapter of Kannada text book for Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) course in Mangalore University.

The article, '*Yellaru Doctor, Engineer Aadare Bere Vruthigala Paadenu?*' (roughly translated to English as "If everyone becomes Doctor or Engineer, what about other Professions?) has been extracted from '*Badukona Baara,*' Ravi's collection of articles.

The article has been included in '*Baanaadi,*' a collection of articles for the students of second semester of first year BBA.

Ravi's article speaks about the parental pressure on children to pursue only certain courses like Medical and Engineering and tells parents not to force their children to opt for the courses that do not interest them. Instead, parents must recognise their children's potential and allow them to choose the profession of their choice.

Giving examples of achievers like Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa, Kailash Sathyarthi, C.N.R. Rao, R.K. Narayan, Mother Teresa, M.F. Hussain and others, Ravi has written that they followed their passion and could be a role model for the society.

As the CEO of Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat, Ravi was instrumental in implementing the Paschima Vahini Project of building thousands of vented dams.

From Reel to Wheel

Actor Shankar Ashwath is now a cab driver!

Shankar Ashwath wearing a cap sitting at the wheel.

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (VNS)- Not everyone is lucky to enter the film industry. But, once one gets the lucky break, it is all about an individual's skill to sustain and grow in their respective departments. There are many examples of aspiring actors and technicians giving up on their lives after failing to stamp their class in the glam world. But, there are few, who come out of the depression and lead a decent life taking up some other profession.

Every Kannadiga is familiar with the legendary actor late K.S. Ashwath, a Mysurean, who reached the pinnacle of success in the industry but had a sad end due to his uncompromising attitude to life. Even his son Shankar Ashwath made a successful entry into Kannada Film Industry and served it for about 25 years. But, he too lost opportunities after donning many characters of acting shades. What did he do? Left with no choice, Shankar Ashwath registered himself as a driver with Uber, a private cab-operating firm, in Bengaluru.

However, Shankar is not ready to blame the industry for depriving him of acting roles. According to him, it is because of the generation gap that he has not been getting the opportunities to act in cinema and small screen. Though he has not quit acting, the opportunity he gets is not enough to meet his daily family needs. "My father (K.S. Ashwath) has taught me to lead a self-sufficient life without making any compromises. I will not go around asking people for help. There is a need for everyone to work until they are healthy and save money for the autumn years of life. I drive cabs when there is no work in the industry for which I have no regret," he said.

If one is an actor, one is also a master of disguises. Hence, Shankar Ashwath to mask his identity wears a cap so that he will not be recognised by his customers as he has to answer all kinds of questions.

Shankar is an inspiration to others because he has respect for what he does and his 'never say die attitude.' No industry will come to the aid of a person in distress and particularly in the world of entertainment, for which there are several examples. It is for an individual to decide his future as the society caters only to those who are fit enough to survive.

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NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Anjani Putra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
O Prema Devathe	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
Haunted Resort	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Tiger Zinda Hai	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
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Sakka Podu Podu Raja	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
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	(S-1)	11.00 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm, 7
The Greatest Showman (E)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 9.55 pm
Balloon (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 4.10 pm, 7
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Okka Kshanam (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.55 pm

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Anjani Putra (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 4 pm, 6.50 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-1)	12.25 pm, 6.20 pm
	(S-2)	9.45 am, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)		
	(S-1)	10 am, 3.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-3)	10 am, 1.00 pm, 6.45 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
The Greatest Showman (E)	(S-4)	10.25 am, 7.10 pm
Hello (Te)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Balloon (Ta)	(S-4)	12.45 pm
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC.30)

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra: 'Bhavanotsava-2017' marking BVB Founder Kulapati Dr. K.M. Munshi's 130th birth anniversary, Musician and former Economics faculty of Mahajana Degree College Vid. Prof. B.S. Ramanujam inaugurates, BVB Bengaluru Chairman N. Ramanuja chief guest, BVB Mysuru Chairman Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy presides, invocation by K.S. Pallavi, Veena recital by Vidu. Ramamani, tabla by Vid. Ramesh Dhannur, Karnatak Music by Kalabharathi troupe, Devotional songs by Vid. Raghavendra Ratnakar and team, Y.T. Thathachari auditorium, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5.30 pm.**

Chintana Rangapeetha, Kalasandesha Pratishtana and Kannada & Culture Department: Rangaaradhana-2017, Pratishtana President Dr. D. Umapathi inaugurates, writer Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Bharadwaj chief guest, art patron K.V. Murthy presides, staging of play 'Devanampriya Ashoka,' Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Atmajnanandaji speaks on 'The Gospel of Holy Mother,' Ashrama, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment: Shivanubhava Dasoha-242, talk on 'Shivanubhava' by retd. Kannada Professor Dr. K. Anantaramu, Sri Kuderu Mutt Seer Sri Gurushanta Swamiji presides, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Bhajans by Akkamahadevi Mahila Balaga, No.6, Block No.25, JSS Layout 1st Stage, **6 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Project Aditi,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation: Valedictory of Niranthara Ranga Utsava-2017, critic Nataraj Huliyar, IT Commissioner Jayaram Rayapura, BBMP Asst. Commissioner D.B. Natesh, Rangayana Jt. Director Mallikarjunaswamy and Niranthara President M.M. Suguna will be present, **6.15 pm;** Staging of play 'Mundana Kathana' by Abhinaya Taranga, Bengaluru, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.31)

Handloom and Textiles Department and JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: Exhibition-sum-Sale of handloom products, Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Hoysala Kannada Sangha and Savigannada Patrika Balaga: Senior writer Shikaripura Harihareshwara Vedike, 62nd Kannada Rajyotsava, 18th anniversary and Hoysala Award Presentation ceremony, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji graces the occasion, poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar inaugurates, social worker K. Raghuram presides, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **10 am.**

Karnataka Urdu Academy, Karwan-e-Urdu Adab, Chikmagalur and Faizan-e-Urdu Adab, Mysuru: Dr. B. Sheik Ali, former Vice- Chancellor, Mangalore and Goa Universities, releases the book 'Rah-e-Sulook' complied by Mohamed Ali from Chikmagalur, Minister Tanveer Sait chief guest, Academy Chairman Dr. Syed Khadeer Nazim Sargiro presides, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **10.30 am.**

Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust and Dejagow Trust: Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's 114th birth anniversary and Vishwamanava Day celebrations, conferring of 'Vishwamanava Award-2017' on Kuvempu's daughter and writer Tarini Chidananda Gowda, 'Savithramma Dejagow Award-2017' on Farmer activist K.H. Nandini Jayaram and 'Late H.K. Veerannagowda Journalism Award' on Udaya TV Reporter Dr. N. Jagadish Koppa, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust President Dr. J. Shashidhara Prasad presides, Sri Kuvempu Rangamandira, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Jayalakshmipuram, **4 pm.**

BVB-Mysuru: Valedictory of 'Bhavanotsava-2017,' retired MMC&RI faculty and renowned Musician Vid. Dr. S. Vijayaraghavan chief guest, BVB Mysuru Treasurer Dr. A.T. Bhashyam presides, invocation by Kalabharathi students, Tabla recital by Vid. Ramesh Dhannur, Bharatanatyam by Kalabharathi students, Hindustani recital, Karnatak music, Hindustani recital by Vid. Prabhu Rao, Y.T. Thathachari auditorium, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai,' Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

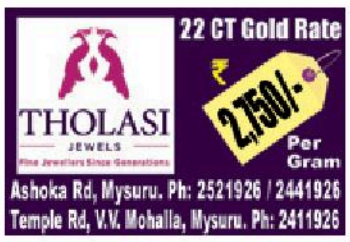
Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Chintana Rangapeetha, Kalasandesha Pratishtana: Rangaaradhana-2017, staging of play 'Saayo Aata,' Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Atmajnanandaji speaks on 'Viveka Choodamani,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Sampurna Srimadramayana Discourse Series, Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Shikhari,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**



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